

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Consideration of the captioned application in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks is requested.

The specification has been amended to refer to the priority applications.

Claims 1-10, 11-14, and 16-22 are currently pending. Claims 1 and 3-6, 9, 10, 12, 16 and 17 have been amended to remove multiple dependencies, to comport with U.S. style claim practice. New claims 18-22 have been added to claim subject matter amended out of the previously multiply-dependent claims.

Early favourable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance of claims 1-11 be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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